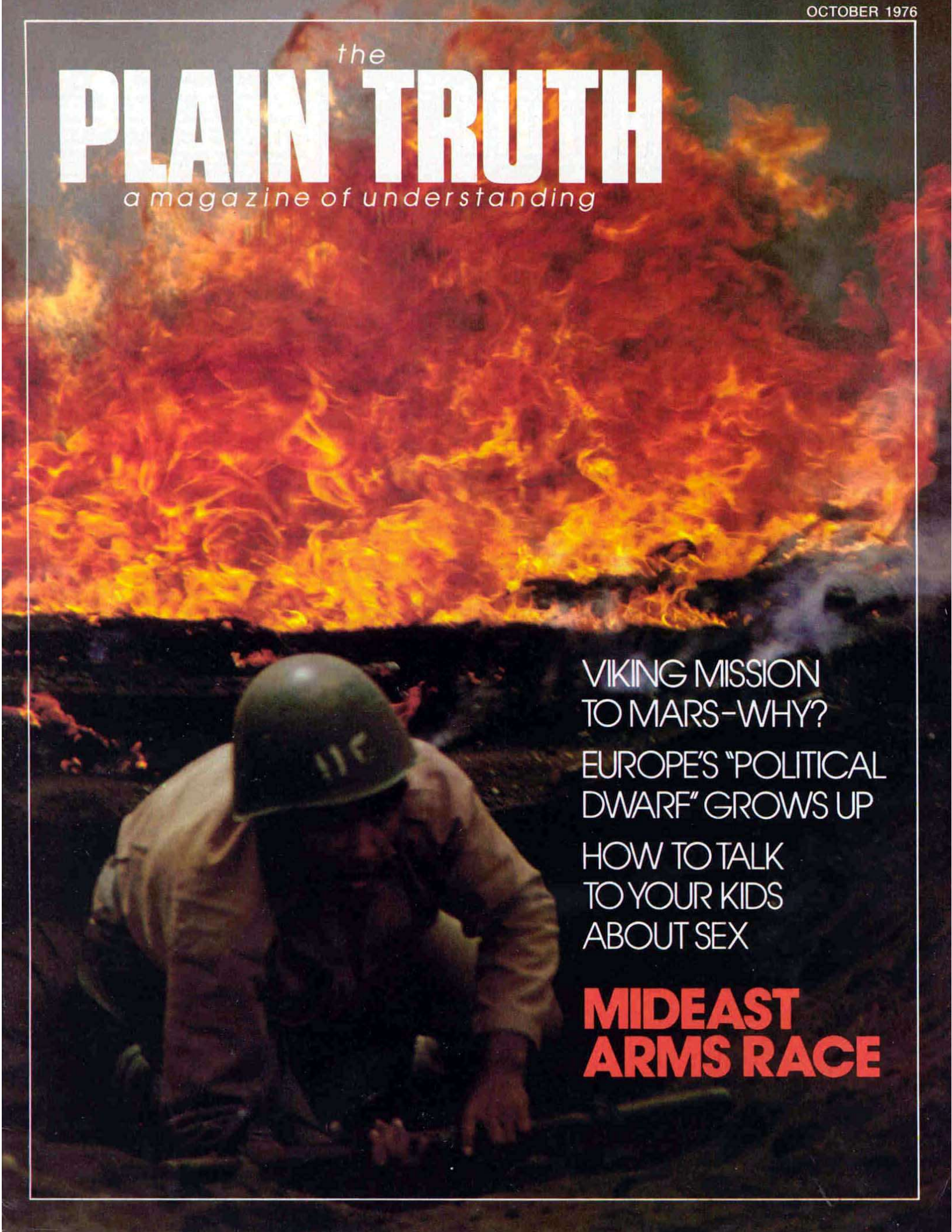


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**MIDEAST
ARMS RACE**

A few weeks ago, I was sitting in our Ambassador Auditorium here in Pasadena looking in on Mission Control Headquarters at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory located only walking distance away as scientists manipulated the safe landing of the Viking I spacecraft on Mars.

The JPL scientists had cooperated with Ambassador College and the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation so that everything at Mission Control — as the scientists maneuvered the Mars landing — was shown on a large screen in our auditorium. We had opened the auditorium to the public. A thousand or more people were there.

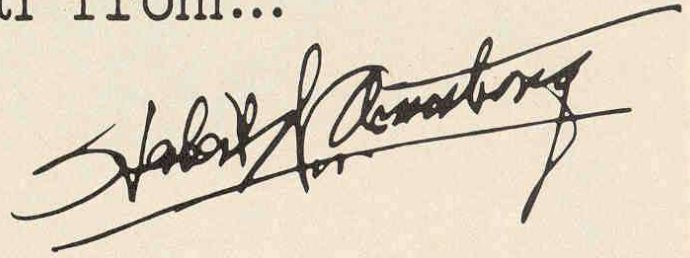
I had risen at 3:30 a.m. Many had been watching in the auditorium from 11:00 p.m. the previous night. I arrived in the auditorium just before 5:00 a.m.

The Viking I spacecraft is a marvel of mechanical precision. It landed safely right on schedule at 5:12 a.m. (It actually landed at 4:53 a.m. Pacific Standard Daylight Time, but due to the vast distance, the signal did not reach Mission Control at Pasadena until 5:12 a.m.) Enthusiastic applause — filling the auditorium — greeted the landing.

Very soon, just before 6:00 a.m., the first strip of two spectacular pictures arrived. We at the Ambassador Auditorium were looking in, just as if we were at Mission Control ourselves. Dr. Thomas Munch, geology professor and leader of the team of scientists in the Mission Control room, gave a cry of delight as the first strip of the first picture came through. As strip after strip of the pictures came through, he was unable to conceal his excitement. As the strips were pieced together, the scientists were absolutely amazed at the quality and clarity of the pictures of the Mars surface — pictures taken perhaps only four or five feet above the surface. It was just as if a man were standing there, pointing his camera straight down, taking close-up pictures.

Later, the second picture looked out over the landscape to the horizon. The pictures showed the Martian surface as a sandy desert littered with rocks — from very

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minute size up to perhaps a foot or more in diameter.

But I had to think that it showed precisely what I had expected from what is revealed from the God of creation in the Bible. It was a dry, barren surface of futility.

Few indeed have any remote conception of the fact that God Almighty often *reveals* facts about this universe — the origin of planets, their present state, and the causes and reasons thereof. Sometimes it seems futile that many of the BEST MINDS of humans are devoted to a lifetime of vain speculation, based on erroneous hypotheses totally untrue.

I had to realize that from this scientific laboratory, right here in Pasadena, great minds are, in fact, uncovering facts ACTUALLY REVEALED IN THE BOOK THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND AND PROBABLY DO NOT ACCEPT — the revealed FACTS and TRUTH of the ETERNAL LIVING GOD!

For example, in Hebrews we find this: "For unto the angels hath he [God] not put in subjection the world to come, whereof we speak" (Heb. 2:5). In other words, this passage is *speaking about* "the world to come." The Bible mentions three worlds: (1) the world "that then was," from Adam to Noah, (2) "this

present evil world," and (3) the coming millennial world — which we call so often "the WORLD TOMORROW." Also, the Bible speaks of three heavens: (1) the air, or earth's atmosphere, (2) outer space, and (3) the heaven which is the seat of God's throne, to which no man except the resurrected Christ has ascended (John 3:13).

So now, speaking of the NEXT world, "the world to come," continue in Hebrews 2: "...What is MAN, that thou [God] art mindful of him? ... Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands: Thou hast put ALL THINGS in subjection under his feet. For in that he [God] put all in subjection under him [man], he left *nothing that is not* PUT UNDER HIM. But now we see *not yet* all things put under him" (Heb. 2:6-8).

In the first chapter, "all things" is translated in the Moffatt translation as "*the universe.*" It means EVERYTHING God has created — everything that exists.

This remarkable, almost INCREDIBLE revelation of the fantastic HUMAN POTENTIAL continues to reveal how what we do now see or know is that Jesus, as the firstborn

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KEEP YOUR EYES ON JERUSALEM

Here are eye-opening facts about the city soon to become the capital of the world.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Many times I have said, "Keep your eye on JERUSALEM AND THE MIDDLE EAST." From now on that will be the focal point of WORLD HAPPENINGS.

This is the *END TIME!* Never in the history of mankind have world conditions been so VIOLENT, never so much TROUBLE, never before so many NATIONS and their GOVERNMENTS toppling and being overthrown so often — now one a month on the average. NEVER has there been such widespread VIOLENCE by man. Add to this the VIOLENCE in NATURE — massive and violent EARTHQUAKES, tidal waves, and FLOODS.

Following the recent tremendous earthquakes in China, this morning's newspaper headline, front page, read: "PHILIPPINES QUAKE TOLL CLIMBS TO 5,300: 30,000 HOMELESS."

Yet from now on the very CENTER of world happenings will zero in on JERUSALEM and the Middle East.

I have just spent another four days and five nights in Jerusalem, the CITY GOD CHOSE over all places on earth. The city from which for a span of time God has HIDDEN HIS FACE (Jer. 33:5), yet the city that God SHALL YET CHOOSE AS HIS CITY (Zech. 1:17). The city soon to BECOME THE CAPITAL OF THE WHOLE WORLD *WHEN*, finally, we shall have WORLD PEACE.

Jerusalem is a city IMPORTANT TO GOD. It ought to be important to us! So I want to tell you about my most

PLAIN TRUTH Editor-in-Chief Herbert Armstrong (left) is escorted on walking tour of restored portions of Jerusalem by Mayor Teddy Kollek.



THE CITADEL, with David's Tower in the background, is one of Jerusalem's oldest and most prominent landmarks.

recent visit there. It is a city I have visited many, many times.

My first visit to Jerusalem was a mere short stop at Jerusalem airport (not now in regular use) in 1956 — 20 years ago — en route from Cairo to Baghdad. Just setting foot on the ground of its airport for the first time was a thrill. It gave me a sense of awe. With my wife and elder son, Dick, I stopped again at Jerusalem on the return — first visiting the Old City then in Arab hands and then walking, luggage in hand, through the Mandelbaum Gate (no man's land) into the newer Israeli Jerusalem.

Back in 1969 and 1970, when our joint participation with Hebrew University in the huge archaeological excavation at the southern wall of the Temple Mount was getting well under way, General Yigal Yadin, organizer of the Israeli army and chief of staff from 1948, re-

ferred to my arrivals there as "monthly visits." In many ways I have had a deep personal interest in Jerusalem since December 1, 1968. On that date, in a formal ceremony at the palace of the late President Shazar, Ambassador College entered into this joint participation formally with Hebrew University and the Israel Archaeological Society.

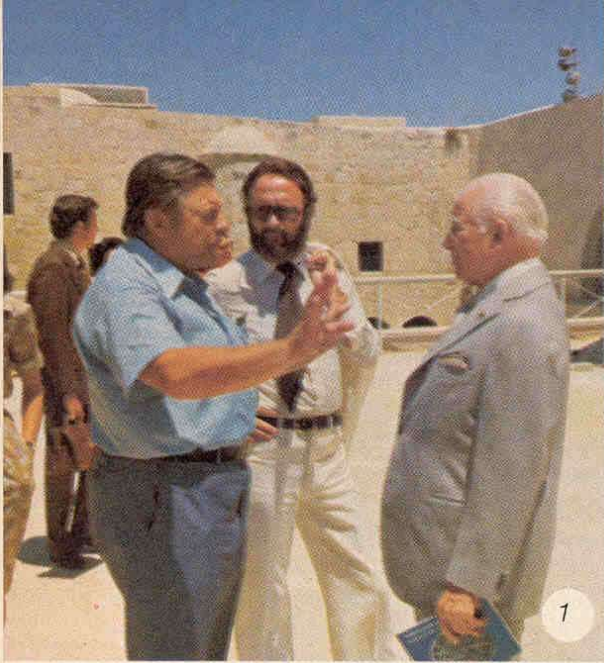
"Do you want a formal, legal contract?" I was asked. "My word is good," I replied. "And I believe yours is, too, without any legal entanglements." That was good enough for them, and our friendship and mutual participation has grown ever since.

Our very important friends in Israel, from the president and prime minister of the country on down in the government and from President Harmon and the vice-president on down in the university, have been not only most friendly and cordial, but also *affectionate!*

And so I thought that in this article, you might like to hear a report on this latest Jerusalem visit.

We arrived late Thursday afternoon. On Friday morning, Mayor Teddy Kollek met us at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel at ten. He took us on a 2½-hour tour of portions of the Old City where the mayor has been supervising rejuvenation and rebuilding. After all the years of being "trodden down by the Gentiles," the old walled city has become dirty, decayed — anything but beautiful. But Mayor Kollek is RESTORING much of its ancient beauty.

Israel is a very poor country — economically. The government does
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Pictures 1, 2, & 3: Mayor Teddy Kollek discusses with Mr. Herbert Armstrong the restoration projects under way in old Jerusalem.

Picture 4: Mr. Armstrong renews acquaintance with ballet artists Valery and Galina Panov who have settled in Israel after emigrating from the Soviet Union. The woman to the left of Mr. Armstrong is Mrs. Michael Ravid.

Picture 5: Replica of Philadelphia's famous Liberty Bell which will be on display at Jerusalem's Liberty Bell Garden.

Picture 6: Liberty Bell Garden is now under development.

Picture 7: Mr. Armstrong speaks at a dinner attended by leading Israeli officials.

Picture 8: Professor Benjamin Mazar of Hebrew University affectionately greets Mr. Armstrong in the traditional manner.

Pictures 9 & 10: At a luncheon hosted by Teddy Kollek, Jerusalem's popular mayor presents Mr. Armstrong with a 300-year-old book entitled (as interpreted into English) The Strong Arm.



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not have billions upon billions of dollars for such purposes. Much of this restoration is being done by volunteer labor. It made me think of the early days in building Ambassador College. In those days, as we purchased gradually more and more property, we used old, dilapidated frame houses for many purposes; we used volunteer student labor; we improvised as was necessary to keep building and growing. That is the way the Israelis are building up their country.

First the mayor took us through the Citadel, an agglomeration of old buildings located to the right of Jaffa Gate along the western wall of the Old City. Some of the stones in its base date back to the second century B.C. The tower at the far end of the Citadel has been known as the Tower of David since Byzantine times — but neither the Citadel nor Tower of David has any connection with the ancient King David. The Citadel has many walls and many rooms, and it is being restored into a beautiful and modern condition.

From the Citadel we were taken over to the old Jewish Quarter of the old walled city. Here were a cluster of low, very old domed houses which were very unimpressive from the outside. But upon entering, we were struck by the BEAUTY and the MAJESTY of the rooms — the high ceilings which had looked like very *low* buildings from their dingy appearance outside. Mayor Kollek had done a remarkable job of restoring this area. There were about four synagogues, each in a different room in the same building — now very modern, very bright, and beautiful inside.

I was really impressed with all the plans Mayor Kollek told us he has in mind for renewing and rebeautifying the city of Jerusalem.

I could especially appreciate it, personally, since I have — the past 30 years — gone through the job of building Ambassador College in Pasadena (not to speak of similar jobs at the other two campuses). The college was built out of what — at the lower downhill level — had



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MR. ARMSTRONG, left, Stanley R. Rader, executive vice-president of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, Mayor Kollek, and Mrs. Rader inspect the site in Liberty Bell Garden where the AICF is funding a children's playground.

been the nearest thing to a slum section Pasadena had. We were then buying up the property — a 40-foot lot at a time — usually with two old shacks, one behind the other, on each narrow, 40-foot lot. With the fine help I have had, we have built this area of Pasadena into a campus that twice the past two years has won the national award for being the most BEAUTIFUL, the best landscaped, and the BEST MAINTAINED campus in the United States!

God turned THIS EARTH over to father Adam in the Garden of Eden to “dress it and keep it” — not let it run down to weeds. But MAN has befouled this earth God gave him in every way — polluted the waters, befouled the air, and ruined the soil.

Mayor Kollek later took the group of us to a special restaurant for lunch. There, several other friends joined us. After that, we drove to the site of the new Liberty Bell Garden park.

I had been scheduled to be there on July 2 for the official groundbreaking ceremony for building the new park in the heart of the new city. I had undertaken to build the children's playground area of the new city park. The last day of June,

I had boarded my G-II jet aircraft, bound for Jerusalem. We were forced down at Bangor, Maine, after crossing the United States from southwest to northeast because of a cracked window in the cockpit. We were forced to return to Pasadena — flying at low altitude. So the mayor conducted that ceremony alone.

When we reached the park area, I saw a large sign posted, in both Hebrew and English, saying: “Under construction here: *A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND: A GIFT OF THE AMBASSADOR INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FOUNDATION, H. W. ARMSTRONG, PRESIDENT.*”

Sabbath afternoon we had a Bible study in my hotel suite at the Jerusalem Hilton. About 30 came. We now have a very small Sabbath group meeting in Jerusalem, but no local pastor as yet, though one man serves as leader.

I gave them an hour-and-a-half Bible study on *Jerusalem: past, present, and future*. I think you'll find a brief outline of that study helpful, interesting, and enlightening — if you'll take the time to take your own Bible and carefully read all the biblical passages IN

THEIR CONTEXT. I shall give you here the biblical passages:

Jerusalem originally was named Jebus. (See Joshua 18:28 and Judges 19:10.) The Jebusites were Canaanites (descended from Ham through Canaan) (Gen. 10:16). God promised to drive out the Jebusites if the Israelites would submit to Him as His instruments (Ex. 33:1-3 and 34:11-15). This was after Joshua led Israel into the promised land. (See Joshua 16:10 and Judges 1:8, 21.) Notice God's warnings of what would occur IF the Israelites left the Jebusites there and the two peoples were to dwell in the same land.

David took Jerusalem (II Sam. 5:1-13) and built a house from which he ruled. The archaeological project proceeding at the Temple Mount is hoping to uncover that site. Solomon enlarged Jerusalem and added to the wall around it (I Kings 3:1). God CHOSE Jerusalem as His city (I Kings 11:13).

The second temple was finished about 70 years after Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, destroyed it (Ezra 1:1-2). Although later God turned His face from Jerusalem, due to Israel's rebellions, He will again choose it (Zech. 1:17). At Christ's coming (Zech. 14) Christ will RULE the world from David's throne (Isa. 9:6-7 and Luke 1:26-33) in Jerusalem. Sometime after the millennium, the NEW Jerusalem will come down from heaven (Rev. 21).

Saturday night, in the ballroom of the Hilton, we had a dinner with about 45 present. At the center table were ministers of the Cabinet — Moshe Kol and Gideon Hausner and wife. General Yigal Yadin, organizer of the Israeli Army in 1948, former chief of staff, noted archaeologist, scholar, and author; Professor Mazar; Mr. and Mrs. Rader, myself, and many other top people in government and education were present. We renewed friendships that now have lasted and grown deeper for eight years.

Sunday afternoon we went over to Professor Mazar's home, and many other top Israelis dropped in while we were there. Professor Mazar is director of our big dig at the Temple Mount and a former president of Hebrew University.

Sunday evening, we had dinner

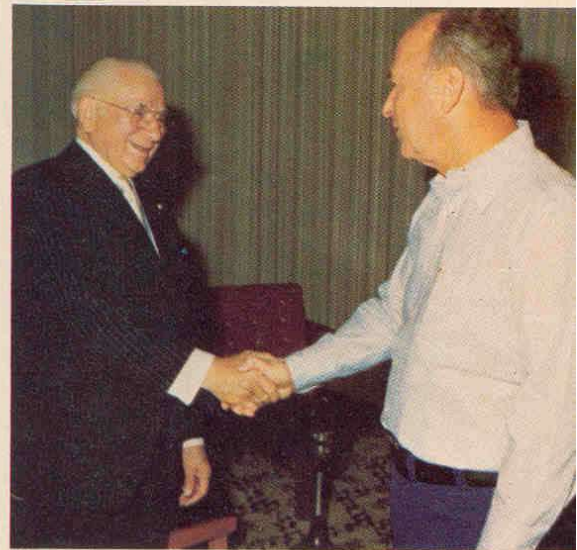


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TOP-LEVEL MEETING: On this trip to Jerusalem, Mr. Armstrong was received by Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in the prime minister's office. A handshake (right) concludes Mr. Armstrong's visit with Mr. Rabin.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

We are reserving space in a later issue for a full cover story on Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.



with the Panovs — ballet artists who appeared last fall in a masterful ballet production at the Ambassador Auditorium. They are among the very top Russian ballet artists. They have emigrated from Russia and are now building a home in Jerusalem. It was delightful to meet them again, with some of their company. Also with us were our VERY dear friends Ambassador and Mrs. Michael Ravid. He was formerly consul general at Los Angeles.

But Monday was our BIG DAY — our meeting with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Usually it is contrary to protocol in many countries to see both the president and the prime minister on the same visit. This time I did not see President

Katzir, but I had already had two or three fine personal meetings with him, and he sent to me his personal regards and best wishes on this visit.

My appointment with the prime minister was at noon Monday. Ambassador Ravid (formerly ambassador to Guinea) went along with us. As you know, I am nearly always accompanied on such visits by Mr. Stanley R. Rader, our chief legal counsel, and now also vice-president for Financial Affairs, and executive vice-president of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF). This time Mrs. Rader also accompanied us.

Mr. Rabin is not noted for a big, wide, vote-getting political smile like Jimmy Carter. Usually he is a

very solemn man, and being the chief executive handling all the troubles of a modern Israel, he has reason to be serious. But he met me and our party with a warm and cordial smile.

"Mr. Prime Minister," I said, "I'm sorry it's been such a long time before I've had an opportunity to meet you, but it is indeed a pleasure and an honor."

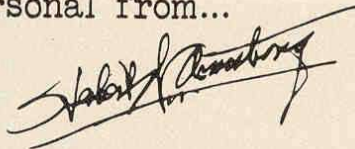
"Well, Mr. Armstrong," he smiled in return, "it's just happened that I've been in *your* country or Europe or some other place every time you've been here since I became prime minister. But of course I know a great deal about you, and we all do deeply appreciate your interest in Israel."

The entire meeting, lasting perhaps 45 minutes, was warm and friendly. We spoke about the two jet planes that have more or less "commuted" between Jerusalem and Cairo, and he was candid in telling us of Secretary Kissinger's peace accomplishments. He was very appreciative of my efforts toward WORLD PEACE, especially in bringing nations like Japan and Israel closer together — also Kenya and Israel — and my friendships with Arab chiefs of state, and efforts toward a better approach to harmony and understanding between them and Israel. Actually there has been a slight lessening of tensions between some of my Arab friends — heads of governments — and Israel. And through the AICF we are supporting the ICCY (International Cultural Center for Youth), directed by Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol, which is bringing about a new and friendly relationship between Israeli and Arab youth, especially in Jerusalem.

Somehow, returning to Jerusalem seems like returning home — and it *may be* my home for a thousand years, beginning VERY SOON, NOW! □

EDITOR'S NOTE: The conclusion to the article "South West Africa — Racing Against Time for Peace" will appear in the November issue of The Plain Truth.

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(by resurrection) of many brethren, as our pioneer, has gone on ahead of us paving the way and now already is SUSTAINING THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE BY THE WORD OF HIS POWER (Hebrews 1:2-3).

Chapter 8 of Romans ties in with this. We — if His spirit dwells in us and if we are being LED by His spirit — are HEIRS of God and CO-HEIRS with Christ, who *already had* INHERITED THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE!

In my *Plain Truth* series on the "Incredible HUMAN POTENTIAL," I have shown how angels inhabited this earth prior to the creation of man. That might have lasted up to millions of years. Those angels SINNED (II Pet. 2:4-6). As a result, physical disaster came to the earth's surface. It became (Gen. 1:2) "without form, and void" — better trans-

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ents, I know that they eventually married and had children which they kept. I have long since forgiven them, but the subject is still a painful one to me.

My own experience has reinforced my conviction that sexual intimacy is one of the things the Bible refers to when it says, "To every thing there is a season..." Sexual feelings and drives are among the most powerful felt by human beings. Like any kind of power, sex can be used constructively or abused. Making love and conceiving and raising children is not something one does for fun at one's convenience. These are precious privileges which must be consciously exercised with respect, caution, and love.

I began this article by extolling the uninhibited honesty of young children, and now I've asserted that adolescents should inhibit their sexual drives. Life isn't easy, is it?

"Where did I come from?" and "How did I get here?" questions are formulated in the minds of young

lated "in confusion and chaos, waste and empty." In six days God "renewed the face of the earth" (Psalm 104:30) and then created man. Since the angels FAILED to improve and develop this earth, they were disqualified from developing and improving the rest of the universe, and God has created MAN after God's own image and likeness — form and shape — to be developed into God's own perfect, holy CHARACTER. And what evidently was the original possible heritage of the angels becomes that of MAN — after man is *changed* from matter into spirit composition — from human to divine — from mortal to immortal.

This is all part of the wonderful TRUE GOSPEL — the GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM OF GOD, soon now to come — the gospel the world has NOT HEARD from the first century A.D. until now — revealing this glorious GOOD NEWS of the future GLORY OF MAN in his SALVATION and what we shall accomplish throughout the ENTIRE UNIVERSE! □

children during their first, magical moments of awareness and appreciation of the fact that they are ALIVE. A child's vitality and joy in life is a constant inspiration to me.

Now, one more story:

A girl of about six came in from an afternoon at play and, beaming, said to her mother, "I'm so glad I was born!"

Delighted with her daughter's exuberance, the woman replied, "It's good to be alive, isn't it?"

"Yes," said the six-year-old, "because when you're dead, all you get is privacy."

Truthfully, I'm hoping for a little more than that when I pass on, but I know what she means — don't you? □

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